

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

FEMP Releases Revised Federal Building Metering Guidance

The Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) recently released updated Federal building metering guidance. The [November 2014 update](#) supersedes the February 2006 version and includes the following notable updates: expands guidance to include natural gas, steam, and water; revises the definitions of appropriate and cost-effective for determining meter installation locations; provides a recommended approach for prioritizing the installation of meters; and reiterates the requirement to incorporate metered data into agency data tracking systems. The Guidance also requires federal agencies to review, revise, and submit a metering implementation plan within one year.

To view the guidance, please visit: <http://energy.gov/eere/femp/downloads/federal-building-metering-guidance-usc-8253e-metering-energy-use>.

CEQ Issues Guidance on the Effective Use of NEPA Reviews

The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued final guidance on programmatic National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews. This new guidance clarifies how and when Federal agencies should use programmatic environmental analyses in accordance with NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4332 and the CEQ Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, 40 CFR parts 1500–1508. This guidance also assists agency decision makers in understanding the environmental impacts from proposed large-scale Federal activities and clarifies different planning scenarios under which an agency may prepare a programmatic, broad-scale, NEPA review. The guidance encourages a more consistent approach to programmatic NEPA reviews to allow for the expeditious and efficient completion of any necessary tiered reviews.

For more information, visit: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/nepa/programmatic-reviews>.

DOE Working to Finalize FY 2014 GHG Inventory and Related Reports

The Sustainability Performance Office (SPO) extends a special thanks to all those involved in the annual DOE sustainability reporting process. The FY 2014 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory, Annual Energy Report, and related reports are currently being finalized and will be submitted to OMB/CEQ by January 31. In the coming months, please look for final data summaries for your sites and programs.

For more information or questions on the annual reporting process, please contact the SPO at sustainability@hq.doe.gov.

SUSTAINABILITY SUPERSTAR



Joe Christ, Team Leader for PNNL's Facilities and Operations Team with the Pacific Northwest Site Office, is retiring. Joe leaves with over DOE for 23 years of service to DOE and over 34 years to the Federal Government. Congratulations Joe and best of luck on your future endeavors!

Send us your Champion!



Energy Expenditure Per Person- How much do you think you spend on energy? DOE recently launched an interactive map highlighting the average energy expenditures per person. To view the national averages and state breakdowns, please visit: <http://energy.gov/maps/how-much-do-you-spend-energy>.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MILESTONES



(Click to view SPO Calendar) ↑

Jan 15: [Financing Energy Efficient Upgrades with ENERGY STAR](#)

Jan 27: [Portfolio Manager 101](#)

Jan 28: [Portfolio Manager 201](#)

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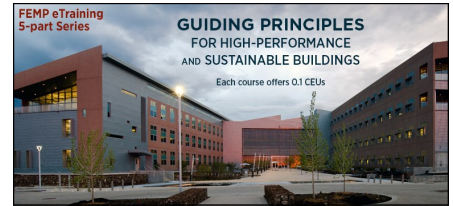
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[Complying with the EPO Act Section 701](#)

SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES

FEMP Releases New Training Series on Guiding Principles for HPSB

FEMP recently released a new on-demand training series to improve the performance of Federal facilities in meeting the mandates of the Guiding Principles for High Performance Sustainable Buildings (HPSB). The five part series offers an in-depth course for each of the Guiding Principles, including: Employ Integrated Assessment, Operation, and Management Principles; Optimize Energy Performance; Protect and Conserve Water; Enhance Indoor Environmental Quality; and Reduce Environmental Impact of Materials.



For more information or to register for the courses, visit:

<http://www4.eere.energy.gov/femp/training/?keyword=&series%5b0%5d=92>

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EPA Releases FY 2014 Enforcement and Compliance Results

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released its FY 2014 enforcement and compliance results. The annual report focuses on large cases that drive industry compliance and protect public health and the environment. In FY 2014, \$9.7 billion in investments were made by companies in actions and equipment to control pollution and clean up contaminated sites. In addition, over \$160 million in fines were issued covering federal administrative, civil judicial penalties, and other criminal fines.

To view the full report, visit: <http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-annual-results-fiscal-year-fy-2014>.

CEQ Updates Guidance for Water and Land Resource Studies

In December 2014, CEQ released final guidance for water and land resource studies. The Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines for Water and Land Related Resources Implementation Studies (PR&G) govern how Federal agencies evaluate proposed water resource development projects. The PR&G consist of [Principles and Requirements](#), finalized in 2013, which lay out broad principles to guide water investments, and [Interagency Guidelines](#), finalized in December 2014, which provide direction to agencies on implementing the Principles and Requirements. "By making smart investments in water infrastructure, the Federal Government can save taxpayer money and promote economic growth while protecting communities against extreme weather and other disasters," said Mike Boots, who currently leads the Council on Environmental Quality. The December 2014 update marks the first update in more than three decades.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/PandG>



Check out CEQ's latest GreenGov Leader newsletter: <https://www.fedcenter.gov/assistance/newsletters/greengovleader/>



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